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Only a thought from a noble soul,
But it fell on fertile ground;
And its influence deepened and widened and grew,
Till it spread the world around.

Only a self-denying act,
But it touched a hardened life;
And the world is the richer because that one
Has ceased from the noise of strife.

Only the little things of earth
May be in our power to do;
But the blessing of these, if truly done,
Shall not fail for me or for you.

OUR SAINTED DEAD

"These All Died in the Faith."

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the spirit, they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

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Hearne, J. C.	Grayson, La.
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Griffin, B. F.	Queen City, Texas.
Lee, J. W.	Grayson, La.
Lewis, J. H.	Winnfield, La. R. F. D.
Little, J. C.	Atlanta, Texas
Mouser, E. M.	Grayson, La.
Patton, I. A.	Jonesboro, La.
Perdue, Mary	Atlanta, Texas
Reid, J. F.	Winnfield, La. R. F. D.
Riley, J. A.	Trout, La., Box 12
Shows, F. Lyman	Pollock, La.
Smart, P. A.	Chatham, La.
Stennett, J. B.	Delhi, La.
Terry, J. W.	Choudrant, La.
Williams, Stephen B.	Columbia, La.
Williams, J. A. D.	
Wardlow, Lula	Montgomery, La.
Cherry, H. A.	Oil City, La.
Strozier, J. R.	Pioneer, La.
Harris, W. W.	Fauke, Ark.
Calloway, J. H.	Crossett, Ark.
Futrell, F. C.	
Owen, J. M.	

Third Year

Strozier, J. M.	Jena, La.
Parsons, J. T.	
Cantley, H. H.	Plain Dealing, La.

Second Year

McVey, G. A.	Jena, La.
Yeager, Ira	Monroe, La.
Moore, M. D.	Queen City, Texas
Ragsdale, W. F.	Simsboro, La.

First Year

Harland, Tommie	Montgomery, La.
Riley, Miss Ocie	Packton, La.
Taylor, Miss Bessie	Trout, La.
Ramsey, Miss Oda	Chatham, La.

Superannuated

Platt, W. M.	Monroe, La.
Austin, A. G.	Cedar Grove, La.

Foreign Missionaries

Long, Miss Mattie	India
Theophilis, Mrs. Florence	India

Transfers

Steward, O. W. to Eastern Conference.

Honorary Member

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LAY REPRESENTATIVES

McKeithen, J. W.	Grayson, La.
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Harris, I. E.	Urania, La.
Jordan, W. H.	Pollock, La.
Pruitt, M. T.	Bentley, La.
White, B. W.	Arcadia, La.
Collum, H. T.	Zenoria, La.
Crawford, T. C.	Downsville, La.
Shows, J. T.	Pollock, La.
Smith, Mrs. Nesa	Winnfield, La.
Taylor, Joe	Jena, La.

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Finance—W. W. McDonald, J. W. Hughes, B. F. Griffin.

Iteneracy and Orders—S. B. Williams, Lula Wardlow, J. W. Lee.

Stationing Committee—J. W. McKeithen, Mrs. Rob't. Nash, J. W. Hughes.

Church Extension—F. Lyman Shows, Mary Perdue, J. W. Lee, W. W. McDonald, J. W. McKeithen.

Thanks—J. F. Reid, Miss Ocie Riley.

Board of Publication—F. Lyman Shows, E. M. Mouser, S. B. Williams, W. P. Willet, J. W. McKeithen.

Benevolent Association—J. W. Lee, president; Mary Bartlett, vice president; Lula Wardlow, secretary.

District Committee—W. W. McDonald, M. E. Bartlett, E. A. Dennard, H. S. Garlington, T. L. Cowser.

Incorporation—F. Lyman Shows, E. M. Mouser, J. W. Lee, E. O. Hearne, W. P. Willet, W. W. McDonald, J. W. McKeithen.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

First Day

The Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Protestant church assembled for the Seventy-seventh Annual Session at Mt. Zion church near Montgomery, La., November 2, 1923 with President E. O. Hearne presiding.

The president read the 40th Psalm and after engaging in earnest prayer declared the Conference open for business.

The Conference roll was called and by motion, T. C. Crawford was seated at the delegate to represent Mt. Nebo circuit.

Honorable John I. McCain of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, delivered the welcome address and extended a cordial greeting to all. By motion the Conference bar was fixed and all visitors invited to honorary seats.

The president submitted his report which was adopted.

Upon motion a vote of sympathy was tendered Revs. G. J. L. Brown and J. A. Holt, because of their bereavements in the loss of their companions during this Conference year, and also to our Sister Bartlett, who is attending the bedside of her son, who is seriously ill.

Upon motion Rev. B. F. Griffin was elected Statistical Secretary.

Committee on Iteneracy and Orders submitted a partial report.

Rev. Stephen B. Williams was introduced and received into the full connection of the Conference as Ordained Elder

The reports of Rev. H. A. Cherry, Mrs. Arah Bevell, J. W. Terry, W. P. Fowler and Mrs. S. A. Brady were read and adopted, as was also the verbal report of Rev. H. H. Cantley.

The secreary read a very touching letter from Sister Bartlett, and upon motion, the Conference engaged in earnest prayer for the recovery of her son, and the secretary was instructed to send her a telegram extending the sympathy of the Conference.

The president announced the various committees appointed.

Motion prevailed to adjourn. Conference met promptly at 2 p. m.

Devotional Services by Rev. J. W. Terry.

Upon motion the Conference was dissolved into an electoral college for the purpose of electing delegate to the General Conference. The chairman appointed Rev. E. M. Mouser, chairman; ev. F. L. Shows, secretary and W. W. McDonald and J. W. McKeithen judges of the election, after the final votes were taken.

Rev. Mary Perdue and E. M. Mouser were declared elected as the Ministerial Representatives and Rev. Lula Wardlow and Stephen B. Williams, alternates.

J. W. McKeithen and W. W. McDonald were declared elected as Lay Representatives and J. W. Hughes and Joel Smith as alternates.

Upon motion the electoral college was dissolved and the Conference resumed the regular order of business.

Upon motion the Conference entered into the election of officers. The chairman appointed J. W. Hughes, C. H. Rushing and M. W. Griffin as tellers of the election. Rev. F. Lyman Shows was elected president on the first ballot, and by motion the vote was made unanimous.

Upon motion the chair was empowered to cast the Conference ballot for the re-election of Mary Perdue as conference secretary.

Upon motion the secretary was empowered to cast the Conference ballot for J. W. McKeithen as Conference treasurer.

The chair appointed Rev. E. M. Mouser to take the place of F. Lyman Shows as chairman on the committee of Iteneracy and Orders.

It was moved and carried that the next annual session convene at Grayson, La., Friday before the first Sunday in November, 1924, and that Rev. S. B. Williams preach the opening sermon. Motion prevailed to adjourn.

Second Day

Conference called to order by the president. Devotionals by Rev. J. M. Owen.

Roll call omitted. Minutes of the previous day read, corrected and adopted.

Committee on Missions submitted report which was adopted.

Committee on Education submitted report which was adopted.

Upon motion Revs. J. M. Owens, F. C. Futrell and J. H. Calloway were received into the full connection of the Conference.

Committee on Periodicals submitted report which was adopted.

Secretary of "Mutual Benevolent Association" submitted report which was adopted, and upon motion a change was made in Section 4 of the By-Laws, and the same officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Committee on Publication submitted report which was adopted.

Upon motion Revs. Stephen B. Williams and J. C. Hearne were elected fraternal delegates to the Mississippi Conference.

Conference treasurer submitted report which was adopted.

Committee on Finance submitted report which was adopted.

Upon motion each pastor was requested to confer with the president and arrange for his first official visit as early as possible.

Upon motion the Board of Publication was elected.

Committee on Iteneracy and Orders submitted a partial report which was adopted.

It was moved and carried that the Stationing and Boundary Committee be composed of 3 laymen elected by this Conference and the Conference president, who shall have the respective delegates confer with them, and that they make the pastoral charges on appointments according to their best and Godly judgment, considering carefully the needs of the respective charges and the qualifications of the ministers. Motion to adjourn.

2:00 p. m.—Conference called to order by the president, and upon motion W. P. Willet was seated as delegate from Pollock, filling the vacancy caused by the absence of J. T. Shows.

Committee on Pastor's Report submitted report, which was adopted.

Upon motion J. R. Strozier and W. W. Harris were elected to Elder's Orders and the hour of ordination fixed.

Upon motion E. A. Sexsmith, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Young People's Work was appointed to preach the ordination sermon.

Upon motion the Board of Church Extension was elected

Upon motion the Committee on Incorporation was appointed.

Committee on Official Character submitted report, which was adopted.

Committee on Itinerary and Orders submitted final report, which was adopted.

Committee on By-Laws and Rules of Order submitted report which was adopted. Motion to adjourn.

Conference called to order by the president. Devotionals by Rev. W. M. Platt.

Secretary of the Board of Church Extension submitted report which was adopted and upon motion \$50.00 was appropriated to the building of a tabernacle at Quitman and \$10.00 was deducted from the General Fund to cover expenses incurred during the year.

Upon motion the Church Extension Board was empowered to transact any business that might come before that body.

It was moved and carried to memorialize the General Conference to consider favorably the suggestion of the Committee on State of our Itinerant Ministry concerning the fixing of a minimum salary and some plan for supplementing salaries to those who will render full time service, and the survey of strategic places, said survey to be available to the president of the General Conference Board of Home Missions and such other committees and agencies.

Upon motion the secretary was instructed to write the family of the late Hon. Wm. Buchanan a letter of condolence

It was moved and carried that the president, secretary and pastor of the local church be appointed as the committee to prepare the devotional program for the next Annual Conference.

It was moved and carried that this Conference pay \$750.00 or one half the salary of a teacher in Westminster College and upon motion Rev. E. M. Mouser was appointed, the financial agent and was granted the privilege to solicit within the bounds of the various charges.

Upon motion the Financial apportionment of last year's report was adopted.

Resolution offered by J. W. McKeithen carried.

Resolution offered by J. W. Lee carried.

Stationing Committee submitted report which was adopted. Adjourned.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Seventy-seventh Session of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, with gratitude to God for His loving care and guidance during the past year, I submit my report:

We have had many manifestations of God's goodness, and feel very grateful to Him for sparing the lives of all the members of our Conference, and for permitting us to again meet in this, another session.

As we come together from the fields of labor we are reminded of the fact that amid the bright day there have been some shadows.

On the 12th day of March the wife of Bro. G. J. L. Brown departed this life.

And on the 17th day of February the wife of Bro. J. A. Holt answered the summons from above.

As these two faithful and beloved pastors have been left bereft of their bosom companions, I believe it the duty of this Conference to tender them a vote of sympathy.

About the first of last December Sister Bartlett was called to the bedside of her son, who was, and is yet, seriously sick, and has had to remain there. She, too, should have our prayers and sympathy.

Other troubles have befallen us, which hindered and kept us from doing the work we desire to do but we humbly submit to the will of Him Who doeth all things well, for we are taught in His word that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord. We should obey the Divine injunction and forget the things of the past, and press on to the mark of the high calling as it is in Christ. Therefore let us forget past victories, defeats, sickness, sorrow, pain and death, and press on to do the will and work of our Lord, seeking neither fame, honor, prominent places nor positions.

As a church we are making some progress. We have met larger congregations and at most places found the

people more enthusiastic relative to the church work, this denotes a better day for the church.

Official Acts.

In November I released Rev. B. Deville from Union Grove circuit and failed to supply the work with a pastor.

In November, I released Rev. J. B. Stennett from Walnut Grove and Pine Grove churches on Rice Circuit and appointed Rev. P. A. Smart, pastor.

The first of April I gave Mrs. Adah Johnson a letter of standing.

About the first of April I released Rev. J. B. Stennett from the remainder of Rice Circuit and appointed Rev. P. A. Smart pastor of Mt. Pleasant church and Rev. W. S. Dunn pastor of Zora, but could not supply Luna church with a pastor.

In June I gave Rev. O. W. Nally a letter of standing.

October 25 I gave Rev. Lawrence Little a letter of standing.

Our needs are the same as mentioned in report of last year. I recommend that the Conference be incorporated.

I thank the ministers and laymen for their co-operation.

Respectfully,

E. O. HEARNE.

PASTOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that we have examined all reports, receipts, etc., and find them to be correct so far as we are able to know.

E. W. CORLEY,
J. W. FULLER,
B. DEVILLE.

APPOINTMENTS

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CIRCUIT	PLACE	PASTOR
Monroe	Monroe	Stephen B. Williams.
Jonesboro	Jonesboro Dodson New Hope Center Point	I. A. Patton
Grayson	Grayson Kelley Chatham Concord	E. M. Mouser
Pleasant Hill	Pleasant Hill Lewis Chapel	H. A. Cherry
Pollock	Pollock Bentley Hollins Chapel Spring Hill	E. W. Corley
Hicks	Mt. Zion	Lula Wardlow
Heflin	Heflin	J. C. Hearne
Evergreen	Evergreen Couley Antioch	A. T. Ezell
Antioch	Antioch	J. C. Hearne
Fish Creek	Fish Creek Ursury Chapel	G. A. McVey
McVey	Ebenezer McVey Chapel	J. M. Strozier

CIRCUIT	PLACE	PASTOR
Mt. Nebo	Bethel Mt. Nebo	E. A. Dennard
Arcadia	Bethlehem Cross Roads Liberty Valley Spring Hill	J. M. Owen
Winnfield	Winnfield	Mrs. H. C. Ramsey
Belah	Taylor's Chapel Belah	To Be Supplied
Sardis	Sardis Zora	W. S. Dunn
Strickland	Barron's Chapel Clear Creek Ball Bethel	J. T. Parsons
Ansley	Ansley Jena	J. W. Lee
Urania	Urania	M. E. Bartlett
Damascus	Damascus Dry Prong	G. J. L. Brown
Queen City	Courtland Knights Bluff Terrys Chapel	B. F. Griffin
Zenoria	Zenoria	M. E. Perdue

CIRCUIT	PLACE	PASTOR
Luna	Luna	J. R. Downs
Rice	Walnut Grove Mt. Pleasant Pine Grove	P. A. Smart
West Carroll	Pioneer Stouts View	J. R. Strozier
Oil City	Oil City	M. E. Perdue
Roberts	Roberts	W. W. Harris

EVANGELISTS

M. E. Bartlett	J. H. Calloway
J. A. Riley	J. C. Hearne
M. E. Perdue	Lula Wardlow

MISSIONARIES

W. F. Ragsdale	J. A. Holt
J. F. Reid	J. H. Lewis
J. C. Little	H. H. Cantley
B. Deville	

SPECIAL APPOINTMENT

J. R. Downs, General Superintendent and Financial Agent, Home of the Good Samaritan.

WITHOUT APPOINTMENT

J. W. Terry	Ira Yeager
Arah Bevell	F. C. Futrell
Ocie Riley	E. O. Hearne
J. F. Hearne	W. P. Fowler
M. D. Moore	Tommie Harlan
Bessie Taylor	

FINANCIAL

Conference Treasurer

General Conference Claims.....	\$271.00
Church Extension.....	81.00
Conference Secretary.....	75.00
Conference Fund.....	81.30
Printing Journals.....	54.20
Superannuated Fund.....	27.10
Conference Treasurer.....	27.10
	\$616.70
Special Offering for Aged Ministers.....	45.00
Donation by Bro. Terry.....	5.20
	Total—\$666.90

Happiness is what we all seek and when all is said and done, we are never really happy unless we unselfishly sacrifice for other. Real happiness can be experienced in no other way.

Report of Finance Committee

1. We recommend that the President's salary be fixed at \$1,500.00 and that the same be apportioned to the different charges according to their ability.

2. We recommend that our General and Annual Conference budgets be apportioned to the different charges according to their ability.

3. We recommend that our Conference Secretary be paid \$100.00 and balance of budget be apportioned as follow:

- 50 per cent General Conference claim.
- 15 per cent Church Extension
- 20 per cent Conference Fund.
- 10 per cent Conference Journals, Stationery, etc.
- 5 per cent Superannuated Fund.

We further recommend that all money collected except as President's salary, be sent direct to our Conference Treasurer, Mr. J. W. McKeithen at Grayson, La.

All pastors are strongly reminded to read resolution relative to collection of Conference claim, and that pastors, stewards and people co-operate together in making this a banner year.

J. W. McKEITHEN,
W. W. McDONALD,
B. F. GRIFFIN.

The Methodist Protestant church has a responsibility from which we cannot escape. Let us shoulder our task, and go forward contributing something to the church that will be worth while.

APPORTIONMENTS

	Charges	President's Salary	Budget	Total
1.	Grayson	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$275.00
2.	Jonesboro	125.00	150.00	275.00
3.	Pollock	65.00	75.00	140.00
4.	Ansley	100.00	130.00	230.00
6.	Evergreen	75.00	80.00	155.00
7.	Rice	75.00	80.00	155.00
8.	Bentley	60.00	70.00	130.00
9.	Mt. Nebo	60.00	70.00	130.00
10.	Arcadia	60.00	70.00	130.00
11.	Queen City	60.00	70.00	130.00
12.	Kelly	20.00	60.00	80.00
13.	Belah	50.00	40.00	90.00
14.	Urania	25.00	65.00	90.00
15.	Hicks	30.00	50.00	80.00
16.	Fish Creek	25.00	30.00	55.00
17.	Pleasant Hill	30.00	30.00	60.00
18.	Union Grove	25.00	30.00	55.00
19.	Oil City	10.00	10.00	20.00
20.	Antioch	25.00	40.00	65.00
21.	Little River	20.00	20.00	40.00
22.	Heflin	20.00	20.00	40.00
23.	Gray Creek	20.00	20.00	40.00
24.	Roberts	10.00	10.00	20.00
25.	West Carroll	25.00	25.00	50.00
26.	Sunrise	20.00	20.00	40.00
27.	Stout's View	20.00	20.00	40.00

Usually when we fail in an undertaking we blame others. If we succeed we take all the credit to ourselves.

CHURCH EXTENSION

Cash and Notes.....	\$745.20
Received from Conference Treasurer.....	81.30
Total Amount—	\$826.50

RESOLUTIONS

Introduced by J. W. McKeithen

Be it resolved that any pastor who does not collect the Conference claims, or assist his stewards in doing so, and who does not make an honest effort to collect same, shall for the first offense be reprimanded and for the second offense shall be left without appointment.

Introduced by J. W. Lee

Be it resolved that the Conference Steward inquire one a month into the financial condition of our President and remind pastors of the deficiency.

REPORTS

PERIODICALS

We, your committee, desire to re-affirm our loyalty to the "Methodist Protestant," the official church organ, and we urge our pastors to place this paper in as many homes as possible to the end that our people may have a broader outlook and better understanding of our church in general.

Second: We recommend that the Sunday School literature provided by our own publishing house be used in every Methodist Protestant Sunday School.

Third: Feeling the great need of a paper devoted especially to our work in the Southland, we note with pleasure the first edition of the Methodist Protestant Advocate and we recommend that it be adopted by this Conference, and that a Board of Publication consisting of three ministers and two laymen be elected by this Conference to publish same.

E. M. MOUSER,
J. W. McKEITHEN,
F. LYMAN SHOWS.

PUBLICATION

The Board of Publication, organized with Rev. F. Lyman Shows, chairman; J. W. McKeithen, secretary; and E. M. Mouser, treasurer.

Stephen B. Williams, D. D. was made editor of the Methodist Protestant Advocate. Rev. E. M. Mouser was made the Business Manager and F. Lyman Shows was made Field Agent.

We recommend that the members of this Conference be requested to underwrite to the amount of \$500.00 a fund to meet the publishing expenses for first year and that at least 500 subscribers to the paper be pledged at this Conference.

The paper to be published twice a month and the price of same be placed at \$1.00 per year. The office of publication shall be at Columbia, La.

F. LYMAN SHOWS
STEPHEN B. WILLIAMS, D. D.
E. M. MOUSER
W. P. WILLET
J. W. McKEITHEN.

ITENERACY AND ORDERS

We, your committee, submit our report:

First: That Stephen B. Williams and J. H. Calloway, coming to us properly recommended, be received into the full connection of this Conference and that F. C. Futrell be received into the Conference provided he meets with such requirements that will safeguard himself and this Conference in the future.

Second: That W. W. Harris and J. R. Strozier be elected to Elders' Orders and that J. M. Strozier remain in the third year class.

Third: That H. H. Cantley and J. T. Parsons be passed into the third year class and that Ira Yearger and G. A. McVey remain in the second year class with the privilege of bringing up the third year's course, if possible.

Fourth: That W. F. Ragsdale and M. D. Moore be passed into the second year class and that Miss Ocie Riley be retained in the first year class.

We further recommend that Mrs. Ola Ramsey, Miss Bessie Taylor and Tommie Harland be received into this Conference and placed in the first year class.

F. LYMAN SHOWS,
LULA WARDLOW,
J. W. LEE,
E. M. MOUSER.

EDUCATION

We, your committee, desire to emphasize the need of higher education, particularly on the part of our young ministers.

We also feel that the young people of our church as a whole should as far as possible receive their education and training for life's work in a Christian school.

The Methodist Protestant church is maintaining at Tehaucanna, Texas, a splendid institution known as Westminster College and we would urge our pastors and people to stand by this institution, in the same loyal fashion our love for the church should demand.

We would further recommend that the committee on Iteneracy and Orders co-operate with the president in arranging for a Summer theological institute during the coming Conference year.

STEPHEN B. WILLIAMS,
C. H. RUSHING.

MISSIONS

We, your committee on Missions, submit the following report:

We feel there is no greater work than that of missions, as the religion of our Lord Jesus was propagated by that spirit.

Therefore we urge that the ministry of this Conference endeavor to educate our people of the great need of a missionary spirit and that our local missionaries enter new field building new works. There is a great work for some of our strongest men and women in going into the torn down places and rebuilding them.

A. T. EZELL,
W. W. HARRIS,
H. T. McCOLLUM.

OFFICIAL CHARACTER

Charges have been filed with us against Rev. A. Deville, with reference to non-payment of debts and slackness concerning his financial obligations.

Therefore we recommend the president of this Conference investigate this matter and proceed accordingly.

E. M. MOUSER,
B. F. GRIFFIN,
J. W. McKEITHEN.

BY-LAWS AND RULES OF ORDER

We recommend that Section 2 in By-Laws and Rules of Order read as follows:

"That all pastors and committees shall be ready and report on the morning of the second day's session of Conference.

BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

The Methodist Protestant Mutual Benefit Association organized one year ago.

We have at present 15 members in good standing.

Have issued one death claim, that of our sister, Mrs. J. B. Boss, who was killed in an automobile accident.

LULA WARDLOW, Secretary.

GRATITUDE AND THANKS

We, the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church deem it a great privilege to hold this Seventy-seventh Annual Session with Mt. Zion church, which is the oldest church in the Louisiana Conference, and sacred to our memory because of her historic past.

Many of our greatest leaders have been connected with this church, and some of them are now sleeping near-by in the old church yard, waiting the blessed Resurrection morning.

Resolved, First: That we express our gratitude and thanks to pastor and people for their unfailing attention as Conference hosts.

Resolved, Second: That we extend our thanks to the Hon John I. McCain for splendid address in which he extended a cordial welcome to all and which was so loyally carried out by the pastor and people.

Our stay with you has been pleasant indeed. May all the richest of Heaven's blessing rest upon you all.

J. W. LEE,
J. F. REID,
OCIE RILEY.

THE LOUISIANA METHODIST PROTESTANT MUTUAL BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

We, the Members of the Louisiana Conference, hereby form ourselves into a benevolent organization for the purpose hereinafter named and with By-Laws provided and adopted by the Conference to govern same.

1. The name of this organization shall be "The Louisiana Conference Methodist Protestant Mutual Benevolent Association."

2. The purpose of this organization shall be to furnish protection to her members at actual cost.

3. This Association is founded on a sound co-partnership business basis, to conserve and take care of the needs of our people.

4. The Association shall be composed of the members of the Methodist Protestant Church who may wish to join, but no one who is not a member of the Methodist Protestant Church in the state may become a member.

5. The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer. These officers shall be elected annually by the Louisiana Conference at her regular session.

6. Any layman between the ages of 14 and 65 and any minister who is in good standing in this Conference may become a member of this Association upon paying the application fee.

7. The membership fee of this Association shall be \$2.50, which shall accompany the application, and which shall be divided as follows: \$1.00 shall be put on deposit and \$1.50 shall go to the Secretary and expense of the organization.

8. The assessment fee shall be \$1.15 each upon proof of the death or total permanent disability of any member in good standing. \$1.00 shall go to the beneficiary and 15 cents to expense of collection, and each member shall have 15 days from notification to pay the said assessment, and in case of failure on the part of the member to pay said dues he shall be dropped from the Association without further notice.

9. The beneficiary shall receive the amount collected by one whole assessment of the Association. Upon proof of the death or total permanent disability of any member the Secretary shall be required to make assessment upon said proof.

10. Total permanent disability means when one becomes unable to follow any vocation by which he may obtain a living, which disability shall be judged permanent.

11. It shall be the duty of the President of this Association to sign all beneficiary certificates, preside at all meetings and have a general over-sight of all the work of the Secretary-Treasurer. The Vice President shall act as president in the absence of the President. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a complete record of the membership of the Association and give notices, make assessments and when the President has been put to actual expense to do his work the Secretary shall provide this expense. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be put under \$1,000 bond, said bond to be arranged within six months from date of the organization of the Association.

12. The first officers of this Association shall be as follows:

President—J. W. Lee, Grayson, La.

Vice President—Mary E. Bartlett, Atlanta, Texas.

Secretary-Treasurer—Lula Wardlow, Montgomery, La.

These officers shall act until their successors are elected.

FOR SILENT MEDITATION

Time is a great adjustor of all wrongs, and in the course of even a short life time, we get all the love that is due us. That is to say, we get all that we give.

It is human to err, but Divine to forgive. Let us be grateful that we are alive, and remember, there are ninety million folks in America who never played you a single nasty trick.

To have a pain is proof that you are alive. Dead ones have no pain. Those who are alive are bound to suffer. "Yet if any suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed."

Life is a struggle against our own limitations. If we pity any one, let's pity the ones who live with us.

RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. The Conference shall be opened promptly on the day and time appointed, the President conducting the Devotional Services. The roll shall then be called, after which the President shall read the Annual Report.

Sec. 2. On the morning of the second day the names of all pastors and chairman of committees shall be called and as their names are called they shall deposit their report with the Secretary, said reports to be dispensed with properly.

Sec. 3. On assigning the floor to any member of the Conference he shall distinctly announce the member to whom it is assigned.

Sec. 4. All motions and resolutions shall be written, if the President and Secretary request.

Sec. 5. When a motion is seconded or a resolution introduced and seconded, or a report presented, and is read by the Secretary or is stated by the President, it shall be deemed in the possession of the Conference any time before the amendment or decision.

Sec. 6. All motions to postpone or to lay on the table shall be taken without debate.

Sec. 7. No new motion or resolution shall be entertained until the one under consideration has been disposed of, which may be done by adopting or rejecting, unless one of the following motions shall intervene, which are placed namely: First, indefinite postponement; Second, laying on the table; Third, referred to a committee; Fourth, postponement to a given time; Fifth, substitute; Sixth, amendment. A substitute or amendment may be amended.

Sec. 8. When any member is about to speak in debate or to deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall arise and respectfully address the President, but shall not proceed until recognized by him.

Sec. 9. No member shall be interrupted while speaking except by the President, to call him to order when he departs from the

question or uses personalities, or disrespectful language; but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems a speaker out of order, and any member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.

Sec. 10. When a member wishes to speak on a question of privilege he shall briefly state the question; but it shall not be in order for him to proceed until the President shall have decided it a privileged question.

Sec. 11. No person shall speak more than twice on the same question, nor more than five minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference; nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak have spoken; provided, however, that the mover of a resolution, or a committee making a report, shall in all cases be entitled to five minutes to close the debate.

Sec. 12. When a motion or resolution shall have been acted upon by the Conference, it shall be in order for any member who voted with the prevailing side to move a reconsideration, but a motion to re-consider is a non-debatable motion, and must be decided without debate.

Sec. 13. No person shall absent himself from the Conference without leave, unless he is sick or unable to attend.

Sec. 14. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar when such question is put by the President, except by leave of the Conference, when he shall be necessarily absent.

Sec. 15. Every member who is in the bar at the time of the question is put shall give his vote unless the Conference for special reasons excuse him.

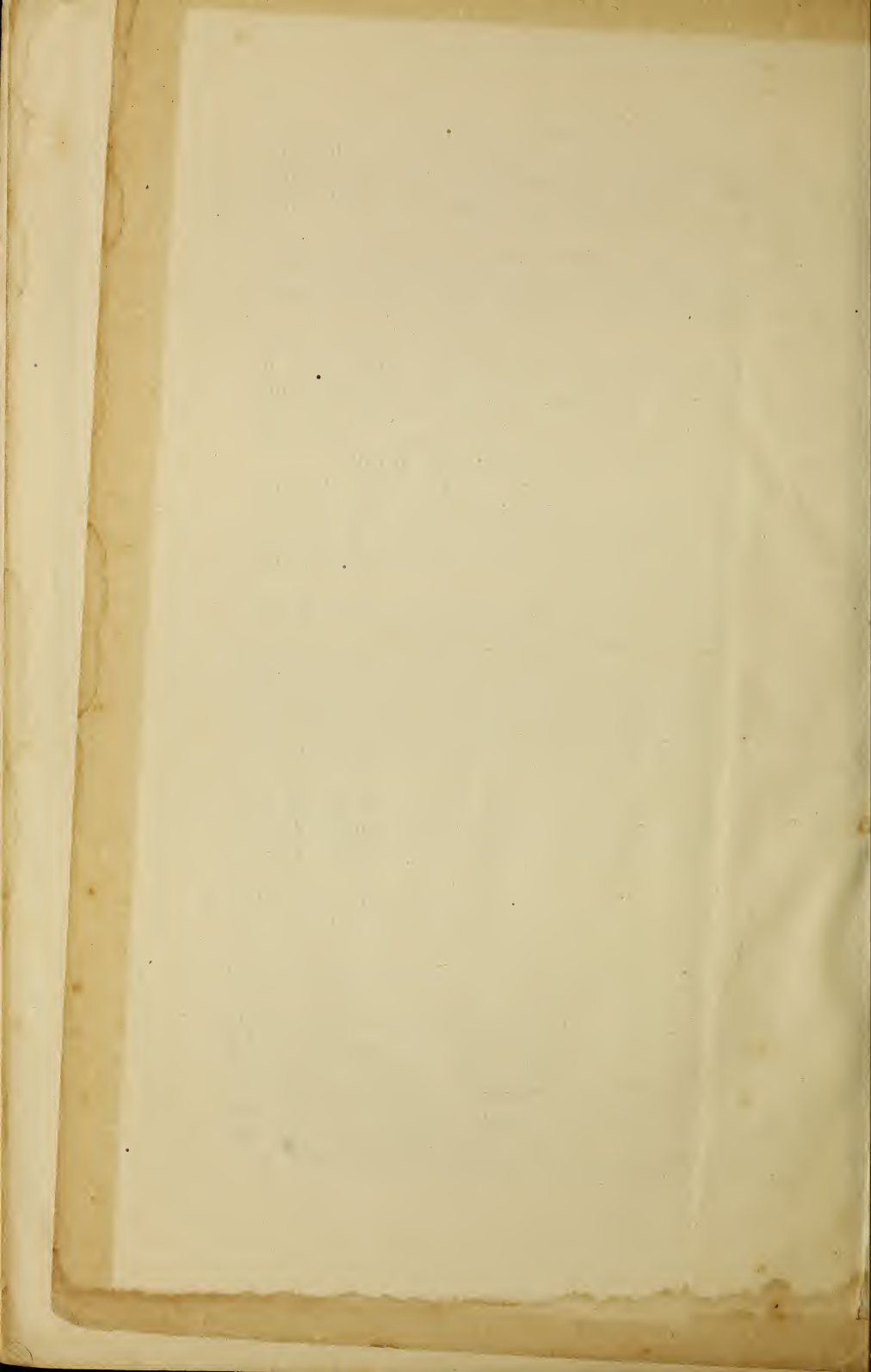
Sec. 16. It shall be in order for any member to call for the ayes and nays on any question before the Conference, and if the call be sustained by one-third of the members present, the vote shall be taken by the ayes and nays.

Sec. 17. It shall be in order to move the question be taken without further debate or any measure pending before the Conference, except in cases where character is involved.

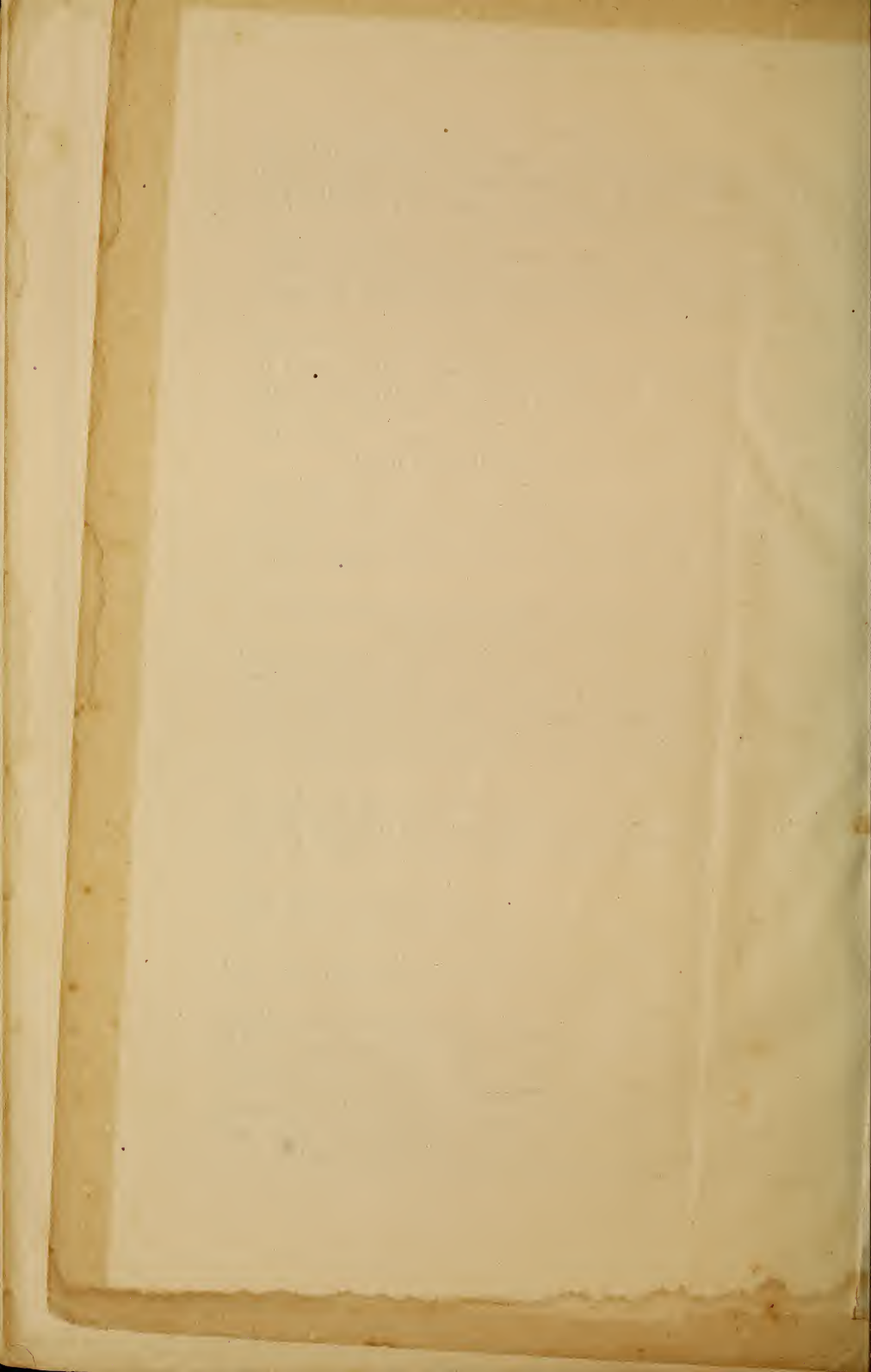
Sec. 18. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

Sec. 19. The President shall appoint the chairman of committees on subjects of general interest and notify said chairman of his appointment at least ten days before each session of Conference.

Sec. 20. The committee on examination shall be appointed one year in advance, and meet at next Annual Conference one day prior to convening of that body, and that the undergraduates meet said committee for the purpose of being examined in their studies.



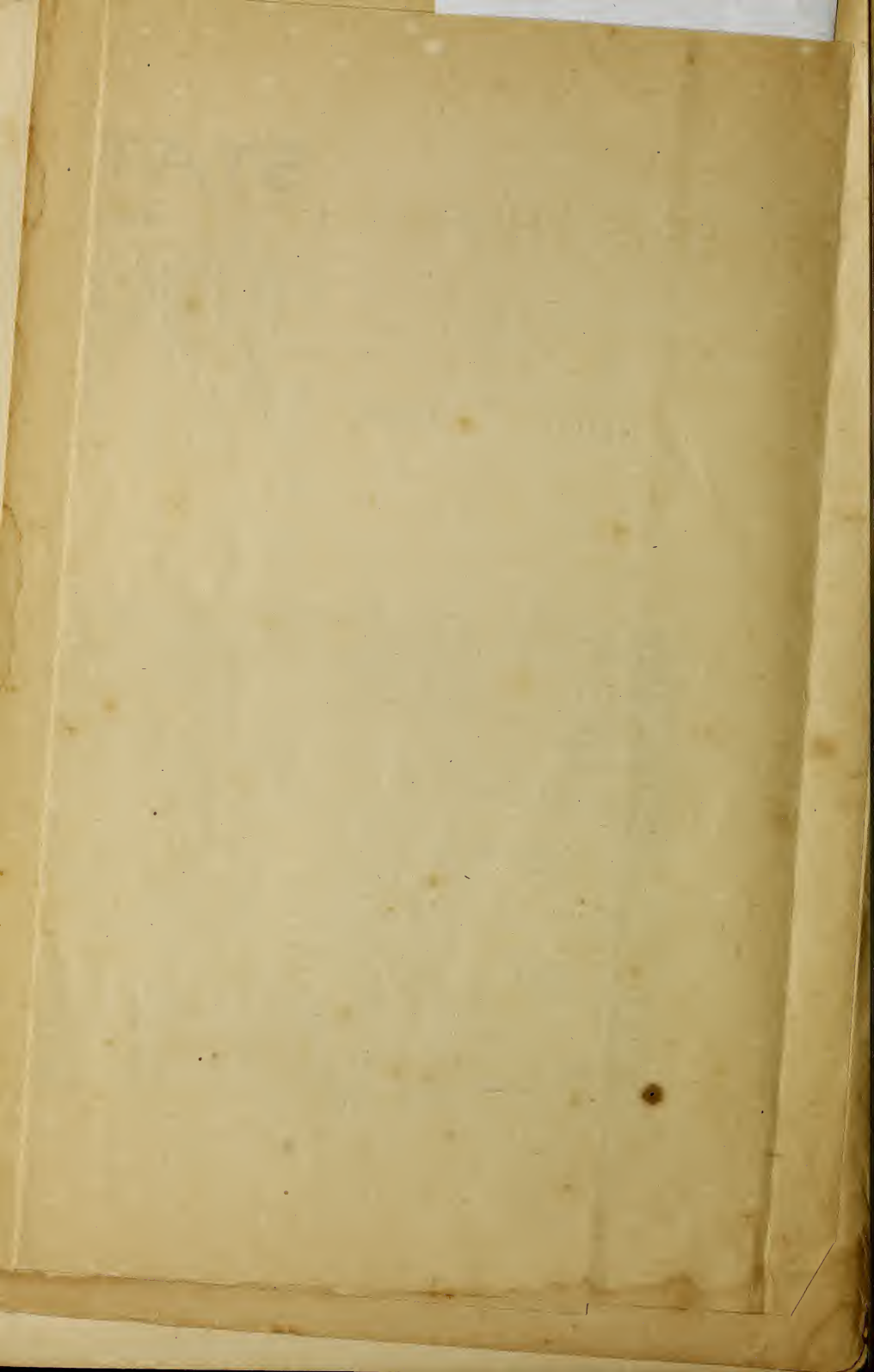
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STATISTICAL TABLE

PLACE	PASTOR	MEMBERSHIP													Property, Literature		FINANCIAL										
		Organized Churches and Appt.	Local Preachers	Members at Beginning	Accessions	Deaths	Dismissed or Lettered	Net Increase	Probationary Members	Sunday Schools	Enrollment	Officers and Teachers	Christian Endeavor	Enrollment	Missionary Societies	Church Buildings	Parsonages	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness	Number of Church Papers Taken	President's Salary	Pastor's Salary, Cash Paid	Rental Value of Parsonage	Total Support	Local Expenses	Building and Repairs	Conference Assessment
Grayson	E. M. Mouser	3	1	125	8	3	2	3	3	150	17	2	41	2	3	2	\$ 8,000.00	130.00	10	\$108.00	\$1,250.00	\$ 480.00	\$1,790.00	300.00	1,000.00	123.87	
Jonesboro	I. A. Patton	4	1	1300	14	3	2	9	4	170	20	...	...	...	4	1	4,500.00	...	1	69.85	800.00	120.00	920.00	...	...	150.00
Hicks	Lula Wardlow	1	1	115	23	...	1	22	1	...	5	...	...	...	1	1	1,600.00	...	1	35.45	175.35	...	210.80	150.00	100.00	50.00
Queen City	B. F. Griffin	3	5	121	39	...	1	38	1	64	5	...	...	...	3	...	3,500.00	...	2	68.45	313.00	...	313.00	125.20	...	5.00
Kelley	Ira Yeager	3	1	20	...	...	...	...	...	1	35	7	...	...	1	...	1,000.00	...	1	22.00	53.10	...	...	...	...	...
Fish Creek	J. G. L. Brown	2	1	45	...	...	...	...	...	1	50	5	...	...	1	...	250.00	...	1	7.00	165.00	...	165.00	...	50.00	3.50
Union Grove	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gray Creek	G. A. McVey	2	...	26	2	1	...	2	1	1	25	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5.65	63.50	...	63.50	...	...	...
Rice	P. A. Smart	5	...	175	15	1	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25.84	90.75	...	90.75	20.00	...	...
West Carroll Mission	No Report	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Antioch	J. C. Hearn	1	1	41	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,000.00	...	...	25.50	175.00	...	175.00	...	...	10.00
Heflin	W. F. Ragsdale	1	...	36	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	800.00	...	...	20.00	102.40	...	102.40	35.00	...	2.00
Stouts View Mission	No Report	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Roberts Mission	W. W. Harris	1	...	42	...	...	...	...	...	5	1	75	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	13.30	12.75	...	12.75	...	...	3.00
Strickland	J. T. Parsons	4	...	212	14	5	1	9	22	3	84	12	1	45	...	4	1	2,500.00	...	3	25.00	405.50	25.00	431.50	134.00	325.00	5.00
Bentley	E. W. Corley	4	1	1175	18	...	18	...	3	150	24	...	...	...	3	...	2,000.00	...	1	25.50	300.00	...	300.00	125.00	300.00	...
Arcadia	J. R. Strozier	4	...	129	15	...	15	...	1	25	3	1	58	1	3	1	4,100.00	37.00	3	60.00	401.69	240.00	641.69	165.84	1,571.95	15.00	
Mt. Nebo	E. A. Dennard	2	1	105	3	...	3	...	1	75	6	...	...	...	1	1	1,200.00	...	1	38.00	349.30	...	349.30	37.21	...	9.00
Pollock	F. Lyman Shows	1	1	42	2	2	...	...	1	40	5	...	...	...	1	1	2,500.00	165.00	4	22.10	250.00	120.00	370.00	80.00	...	12.00
Sunrise Mission	I. A. Patton	1	1	25	1	...	1	...	1	20	4	...	...	...	1	...	500.00	...	...	...	100.00	...	100.00	...	...	...
Pleasant Hill	J. H. Lewis	2	1	71	4	...	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	500.00	...	1	30.00	209.07	...	209.07	20.00	15.00	15.00
Anselv	J. W. Lee	3	1	1140	13	3	1	9	...	3	125	15	1	30	2	3	1	2,000.00	300.00	6	189.00	750.00	...	750.00	139.00	400.00	238.00
Belah	J. A. D. Williams	3	1	6210	14	1	13	...	3	150	16	...	...	...	3	...	4,500.00	...	...	...	1.00	...	281.33	...	...	11.00
Urania	M. E. Bartlett	1	1	56	21	4	...	19	20	1	100	7	1	5	25.00	300.00	...	350.00	100.00	...	65.00
Evergreen	A. T. Ezell	4	...	289	5	28	1	...	2	50	8	...	...	...	3	1	6,600.00	...	...	53.16	348.50	60.00	408.50	...	250.10	15.00
Little River Mission	M. E. Bartlett	1	1	43	13	1	12	...	1	50	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	20.00	300.00	...	320.00	50.00	...	20.00
Oil City	M. E. Perdue	1	2	38	2	...	2	...	2	10	1	60	7	...	1	...	700.00	...	2	20.00	120.00	...	120.00	50.00	...	20.00	

B. F. GRIFFIN, STATISTICIAN.



WHAT IS THE BUDGET?

THE BUDGET is the SUM of money, determined by the General Conference, representing the needs of the Church to enable it to do its work in the world.

THE BUDGET is the CIRCLE of our responsibility, rounding out the duties we owe to God because He loved us, and to man because he is our brother.

THE BUDGET is the BUNDLE of our responsibility in which are tied up the loving things we may do with money, and the blessing we may get from it.

HOW MUCH OWEST THOU?

WHAT DOTTH IT PROFIT, MY BRETHREN, IF A MAN SAY HE HATH FAITH, BUT HAVE NOT WORKS? CAN THAT FAITH SAVE HIM?

Collect Your Conference Claim Assessment

